

**REQUEST  
FOR  
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Express Mail No	
Application Number	09/814,114
Filing Date	March 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	Michael L. Boyer II et al.
Group Art Unit	3624
Examiner Name	Hamilton, Leilia M.
Attorney Docket No.	008932-1208-999

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

**NOTE:** 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, a applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.33 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14863 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

**1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114**

- a.  Previously submitted
  - i.  Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Any unenforced amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).
  - ii.  Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed \_\_\_\_\_
  - iii.  Other \_\_\_\_\_
- b.  Enclosed
  - i.  Amendment/Reply
  - ii.  Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
  - iii.  Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
  - iv.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Miscellaneous**

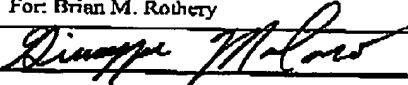
- a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.  
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months. Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(f) required)
- b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**3. Fees**

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

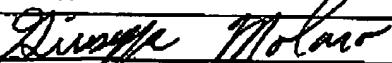
- a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013:
  - i.  RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(c), estimated to be \$ 770.00
  - ii.  Extension of time fee required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17, estimated to be \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for a \_\_\_\_\_ month extension, the request for which is being made herewith
  - iii.  Other The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fee(s) which may be due to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.
- b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed
- c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED**

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Signature		Date	August 18, 2004

**CERTIFICATE OF MAILING OR TRANSMISSION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office action dated May 18, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks into the above-captioned application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any required fee(s) to Jones Day Deposit Account No. 50-3013.

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